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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 2-5, 7-13, 15-16, 19, 25-28 33-34, 39-42, and 44-45 without

prejudice, and amend the remaining claims as follows:

(Amended) A DNA vector containing a DNA construct of [any of] claim[s] 1 [-13] and a selectable marker permitting transfection of the DNA construct into host cells and selection of transfectants containing the construct.

17. (Amended) A chimeric protein encoded by a DNA construct of [any of] claim[s] 1 [-9].